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**For: EXPANDABLE SLOTTED  
TUBING STRING AND  
METHOD FOR CONNECTING  
SUCH A TUBING STRING**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2002**

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 19, 2002, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0076/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~add~~ the following paragraph between the Title of the invention and the Background.